

Appl. No. 10/725,289  
Amendment dated July 2, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of May 19, 2004

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 12 with the following rewritten version:

-- It is also acceptable to provide elastic members 108 between the external teeth 55 of the spline hub 3 and the internal teeth 66 of friction plates 11 as shown in FIG. 24. In FIG. 26 24, a friction member 108 is molded into a notch 66a in the face of the internal tooth 66 that faces in the R1 direction. Thus, this arrangement softens the impact when the external tooth 55 strikes the internal tooth 66 located on the R2 side thereof. --